



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	NFPA 72 Temporal Pattern in Group B Medical Offices		
Code Section(s)	§1007.3.3.3.2, California Fire Code (1998 ed)		
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- 1. Is it the intent of Section 1007.3.3.3.2 (Audible Alarm Signal) to exempt patient areas within medical offices suites classified as a Group B occupancy from the requirements of NFPA 72 relating to a “three-pulse temporal pattern” evacuation signal?***

Section 1007.3.3.3.2 is not adopted by the State Fire Marshal. However, the State Fire Marshal did adopt a similar section in the 2001 edition of the California Fire Code. Please refer to our answer to your next question.

- 2. Is it the intent of Section 1006.3.3.3.2 (Audible Alarm Signal) to exempt patient areas within medical offices suites classified as a Group B occupancy from the requirements of ANSI S3.41 related to a “three-pulse temporal pattern” evacuation?***

No. If a fire alarm system is provided in a medical office suite classified as a Group B occupancy, the intent of the code is to provide “three-pulse temporal” audible devices for evacuation purposes.